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SUBJECT: TIN DISPOSALS

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1. WE HAVE RECEIVED LETTER FROM ALLEN DATED SEPTEMBER 7TH, IN REPLY TO EMBASSY LETTER ON SAME SUBJECT. ITS SUBSTANTIVE TEXT AS FOLLOWS:

"THE COUNCIL'S WORKING PARTY ON GSA DISPOSALS HAS ASKED ME TO CONVEY TO YOU THE FOLLOWING VIEWS ON BEHALF OF THE COUNCIL.

"IT REMAINS THE VIEW OF THE COUNCIL THAT IT IS NOT POSSIBLE FOR THE COUNCIL TO FORMULATE A CONSIDERED VIEW UNTIL IT HAS HAD THE OPPORTUNITY TO STUDY THE MARKET AND STATISTICAL POSITION AT THE TENTH SESSION OF THE COUNCIL BEGINNING ON 18 SEPTEMBER: AT THAT SESSION THE COUNCIL WILL BE CONCERNED WITH OTHER IMPORTANT ASPECTS OF THE TOTAL TIN SITUATION INCLUDING ITS OWN POLICY CONCERNING SUCH IMPORTANT MATTERS AS EXPORT CONTROLS AND THE FLOOR AND CEILING PRICES IN THE AGREEMENT. THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COUNCIL'S VIEWS WILL BE CONVEYED TO YOUR GOVERNMENT ON

THE CONCLUSION OF THE COUNCIL'S SESSION.

"I HAVE ALSO BEEN ASKED TO SAY THAT IT WAS FELT THAT THE LETTER OF 29 AUGUST DOES NOT CLARIFY SUFFICIENTLY THE POINTS MADE IN THE THIRD AND FOURTH PARAGRAPHS OF MY LETTER OF 21 AUGUST, AND THAT THE STATEMENT IN YOUR LETTER OF 29 AUGUST THAT 'SHOULD TIN PRICES DROP PRECIPITOUSLY FROM THEIR CURRENT HIGH LEVEL, THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE WILL BEGIN AN IMMEDIATE REVIEW OF OUR REVISED DISPOSAL PROGRAM' DID NOT CONVEY A SUFFICIENTLY DEFINITE INDICATION OF YOUR GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TOWARDS PRICES. FURTHER INFORMATION ON THESE MATTERS WOULD ASSIST THE COUNCIL TO FORMULATE ITS VIEWS."

2. ALLEN BELIEVES THAT LETTER HAS BEEN OVERTAKEN BY EVENTS. PURPOSE OF LETTER WAS TO ADVISE THAT ITC NEEDED ADDITIONAL TIME TO CLARIFY ITS VIEWS ON DISPOSALS AND OVERALL TIN SITUATION. GSA INTERIM SALES PROGRAM HAS EFFECT OF ALLOWING COUNCIL DESIRED TIME.

3. NONETHELESS ALLEN FELT LETTER WOULD BE USEFUL FOR USG INFORMATION. WORKING GROUP MEMBERS WERE PARTICULARLY PUZZLED OVER REFERENCE TO REVIEW OF PROGRAM SHOULD PRICES DROP "PRECIPITOUSLY." MEMBERS DID NOT FULLY UNDERSTAND WHY USG UNWILLING TO AGREE TO CESSATION OF SALES IN THOSE CIRCUMSTANCES.

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